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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Examiner the results of searches from the corresponding PCT Application. As references cited in the International Search Report should be of record in this application, as it is a National Phase PCT Application, no copies of the references are submitted at this time. However, if these references are not available to the Examiner, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney at the number given below such that a further copy of the references can be supplied to the Examiner. Applicant also submits herewith references cited in the corresponding Japanese Patent Office Office Action.

The references cited in the International Search Report are: JP 8-338749, JP 8-219843 and JP 8-327424.

References cited in the corresponding Japanese Patent Office Office Action are as

follows:

JP 8-219843. This reference is identical to the reference cited in the International Search Report.

JP 5-14843. This reference discloses the technique relating to Coriolis mass flow meters of a curve-type tube. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

JP 8-254452. This reference discloses techniques relating to a Coriolis mass flow meter. Figure 2 shows support-plates 23, 24 which individually support a drive unit 19 and pick up units 20, 21. Two drivers or two pick ups are placed on each support-plate 23, 24. An English Abstract, namely, publication PAJ-08254452 is attached.

JP 8-128876. This reference discloses a Coriolis mass flow meter with a U-shaped tube constructed continuously from the two tube edges. A cylinder tower division element 50 is provided having a closed end as shown in figure 6. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

JP 64-15. This reference discloses a Coriolis mass flow meter with a U-shaped tube constructed continuously from the inflow tube section to the outflow tube section. No translation of this publication is available to Applicant at this time.

JP 2-206722. This reference discloses a conventional Coriolis mass flow meter as shown in figure 8. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

JP 9-250940. This reference discloses a Coriolis mass flow meter which has wires with flexible printed circuit boards 9. The English language Abstract document PAJ-09250940 is

attached.

JP 9-126851. This reference discloses an oscillatory type measuring instrument in which a detector is placed at the node of the secondary vibrational mode. The English language Abstract document PAJ-09126851 is attached.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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